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DISEASE HERD PLAN OPTIONS

New Herds as of December 29, 2006

Herds assembled prior to December 29, 2006 should already be participating in a Disease Herd Plan.

Tuberculosis (Tb)

Exhibition and Full Registrations:

All herds are required to have an official whole herd test of all privately owned cervids 12 months of age or older and all cattle and goats six months of age and older in contact with the privately owned cervids, within 18 months following assembly of herd, unless animals are purchased from an accredited herd, have been included in a whole herd test and the new herd maintains accredited status.

1. **Monitored Status**-After the initial test, no further testing is required unless selling animals.
2. **Accredited Status**-Testing of herds for accreditation or reaccreditation shall include all captive cervids and all other hoof stock over 12 months of age and animals under 12 months of age that are not natural additions, except that animals under 12 months of age that are not natural additions originating from an accredited herd need not be tested. Accreditation requires **two** official whole herd tests of all eligible animals. Tests need to be done 12 months apart. Then whole herd tests are to be repeated every three years to retain status. The program also includes recordkeeping and farm biosecurity.

****Please Note****

If you plan to sell animals, it is beneficial to have an accredited herd.

Ranch

1. Required to have a predetermined number of animals undergo slaughter surveillance, performed by a specially trained veterinarian, approved by the Director, for evidence of tuberculosis.
 - a. The number will be determined by the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), as outlined in ***Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication: Uniform Methods and Rules***, effective January 22, 1999.
2. Testing shall be completed within five years following assembly of herd.

****Please Note****

Slaughter surveillance involves a field necropsy and visual examination of lymph nodes by an MDA certified veterinarian. Examination of lymph nodes only (i.e. just submitting the head for examination) is not adequate or approved Tb slaughter surveillance.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

1. MANDATORY SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

- Submit CWD samples from **all** cervidae 12 months of age and older that are killed due to sickness, or found dead.
- Submit 25% of culled stock, preferably the weakest and thinnest of the herd.

2. CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

- Fill out request form to be in this program.
- Submit CWD samples from **all** cervidae 12 months of age and older.
- Supply all inventories needed to comply with the program.
- Maintain on-farm biosecurity.

You MUST participate in the CWD certification program if you want to ship cervidae out of Michigan.